FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

Ms. Pepper and Ms. Jones

Dear Foundation Families,

Welcome to our final term in Foundation! We are incredibly proud of how much our students have grown and developed socially, emotionally and academically throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch their confidence blossom and see all they have achieved.

We have an exciting term ahead, filled with special events and celebrations, including our excursion, Christmas concert, Fun Run, transition to Year 1 and class party as we wrap up the year.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support throughout this journey. It has been a joy and a privilege to be part of your child's first year of school, and we look forward to making the most of our final term together.

Learning Highlights

Literacy:

We are bringing together all our learning from Stages 1 to 6 by focusing on spelling and reading CCVCC words. Next, we will begin exploring long vowel sounds to help prepare for Year 1. In writing, we are expanding our skills to include adjectives and descriptive language. We're also learning how to retell stories and write our own versions. Additionally, we'll practise writing factual texts about animals and composing letters to our Year 5 buddies.

Inquiry:

In Science, they're becoming young investigators, exploring how animals and objects move. In Geography, the children are discovering more about how to find places using maps.

Upcoming Foundation Events

Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Friday 23rd October: Students will enjoy a guided walk through the park to observe and learn about Australian mammals and birds, building on our previous learning about the basic requirements for life. There will be up-close, supervised encounters with classroom reptiles and invertebrates, giving students a chance to safely explore these fascinating creatures. During the Wallaby Walk, groups will be given some roo food so they can observe, interact with, and possibly feed friendly, free-roaming wallabies and kangaroos.

Student Free Day

Monday 2nd November: Students do not attend school.

Fire Ed for Foundation 1st session Incursion: Wednesday 4th November

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Maths:
In Mathematics, students will be revising Place Value, continuing to build our understanding of hundreds, tens, and ones. This knowledge will help us extend our skills in addition and subtraction as we work with equations (number sentences) to solve problems using strategies like "count on or count back" and "find the difference." We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of skip counting patterns by 10's and 2's, and we will apply our mathematical understanding of all concepts introduced this year to solve problems involving money and take part in hands-on activities that grow our ability to answer real-life maths challenges.

Auslan:
We will continue to practise our known Auslan signs for greetings, numbers, pronouns, familiar objects, animals, emotions, and family, while also learning new signs for time, weather, food, places and colours. Signing will remain a regular part of our daily routine, including during our morning circle and throughout the day.

Upcoming Foundation Events

Fire Ed for Foundation 2nd session
Incursion: Friday 20th November

School Fun Run:
Friday 20th November, 1:30 pm. Look out for a whole-school COMPASS post with more details closer to the event.

Christmas Concert:
Wednesday 9th December @ 5 pm on the school oval. Look out for a whole-school COMPASS post with more details closer to the event.

Step Up Day
Date TBC December -
Each year in December, near the end of Term 4, we hold a whole-school Transition Day. This gives students the exciting opportunity to 'step up' to their next year level, meet their new teacher, and get to know their future classmates.

As well as this day, to support their transition, Foundation students will be joining Year 1 and 2 students during Term 4 for fun activities and an opportunity to see the Year 1 and 2 classrooms

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Buddies:
In Term 4, we will experiment with paper helicopters, construct a moving toy and write letters to our buddies. Buddy Day is on Wednesday in weeks 3, 6 and 9.

Classroom Laptops:
Students continue to use Matific (Mathematics) and Nessy (Literacy) programs for individualised learning during laptop sessions. We will also experiment with Word documents and changing font styles and colours.

P.M.P. Rotations
A big "thank you" to all of our volunteers for helping with these activities.
PMP sessions
Wednesday afternoon 2:30 - 3:15 pm
weeks 1, 2, 4, 8 and 10
Volunteers welcome - you will need a Working with Children check.

Reminders

Lunch Orders are available to order online on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You will need the Qkr! App.

Please **remember to name** personal items brought to school.

Upcoming Foundation Events

End of Year Class Party
Date TBC
To celebrate our wonderful year together, we will be holding a class party. Students are invited to bring along food to share, similar to our "Milo's Birthday Party" earlier in the year. It will be a fun-filled day of games, dancing, singing, and reflecting on our successes and special memories from the year.

Last day of Term 4 - 3:15 pm finish
Thursday 17th December

Curriculum Day
Friday 18th December
No students attend.

We encourage you to stay updated by checking for upcoming reminders and event information on COMPASS.

Reminders

Please encourage your child to **read at home as often as possible;** books are changed on **Monday** each week.

Library Books can be returned on any day but only borrowed on a **Wednesday.**